In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1. (deleted)
- 2. (currently amended) The composition of claim 10 wherein
 - (a) said ratio is from about 75:1 to 6:1.
- 3. (currently amended) The composition of claim 2 wherein
 - (a) said ratio is from about 73:1 to 8:1.
- 4. (currently amended) The composition of claim 10 wherein said at least two phosphite esters are selected from the group consisting of
 - (a) C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$[R^3-O)_2-P-O-Q_2-C(CH_3)_2$$

(IV)

wherein

- R¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C_{1-9} alkyl, H, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{1-18} alkoxy, halogens and
- R³ is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl, and
- m is an integral value from 0 to 4 5 inclusive, and
- (b) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI) and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$R^4-O-PO-PO-R^4$$
(VI)

wherein

is the same as R^4 selected from the group consisting of C_{8-18} alkyl, C_{6-30} aryl, C_{6-30} fused aryl rings, C_{7-35} alklylaryl, C_{7-35} arylalkyl and substituted derivatives thereof wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogens, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl and C_{1-4} alkoxy.

- 5. (previously presented) The composition of claim 4 wherein a percentage weight loss of said additive composition as measured as a difference between a start and an end weight of said composition as measured after exposure to two hours at 110°C, is less than 1% by weight.
- 6. (currently amended) The additive composition of claim 5 wherein a percentage weight loss is less than 0.5% by weight.
- 7. (currently amended) The composition of claim 4 wherein
 - (a) a first phosphite ester is C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)_2$$

(IV), and

- (b) at least one second phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$(R^{3}-O)_{2}-P-O$$
 $(CH_{3})_{2}$
 R^{1}_{m}

(IV), and

(ii) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^{4}-O-PO-R^{4}$$
(VI)

- 8. (deleted)
- 9. (currently amended)) The composition of claim 10 wherein said <u>at least two phosphite esters</u> is selected from the group consisting of

C₁₂₋₁₅ bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (VIII)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{12-15}H_{25-31}O)_2 - P - O - (CH_3)_2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(VIII), and

C₁₀ bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (IX)

(IX) .

- 10. (currently amended) A stabilized vinyl resin stabilizer additive composition which comprises consists of:
 - (a) an additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement for mixed metal, alkali-metal and tin-based stabilizer additives for use in said vinyl resin; and
 - (b) a halogenated resin; and
 - (c) wherein said additive composition consists of:
 - (i) at least two phosphite esters selected from the group consisting of C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof, and C_{8-15} pentaerythritol phosphites; and
 - (ii) a zinc additive wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1, and further wherein said additive composition is free of calcium, cadmium, barium and tin.
- 11 (original) The composition of claim 10 wherein a level of zinc is approximately 50 to 800 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 12. (original) The composition of claim 11 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 500 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 13. (original) The composition of claim 12 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 250 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 14. (original) The composition of claim 11 wherein said halogenated resin is flexible polyvinyl chloride.
- 15. (deleted)
- 16. (currently amended) A stabilized halogenated vinyl resin stabilizer additive composition which comprises consists of:
 - (a) an additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement for mixed metal, alkali-metal and tin-based stabilizer additives for use in said vinyl resin; and
 - (b) a halogenated resin; and
 - wherein said additive-composition consists of at least two phosphite esters, and further wherein a first phosphite ester is C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$(R^{3}-O)_{2}-P-O$$
 $(CH_{3})_{2}$
 R^{1}_{m}

(IV), and

- (d) at least one second phosphite ester which is selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(R^{3}-O)_{2}-P-O & & \\
& & \\
R^{1}_{m}
\end{bmatrix}_{2}C(CH_{3})_{2}$$

(IV), and

(ii) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^4-O-PO-R^4$$

(VI),

and wherein

- is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C₁₋₉ alkyl, H, C₁₋₁₈ alkyl, C₁₋₁₈ alkoxy, halogens and
- R^3 is C_{10-15} alkyl, and
- is the same as R^4 selected from the group consisting of C_{8-18} alkyl, C_{6-30} aryl, C_{6-30} fused aryl rings, C_{7-35} alklylaryl, C_{7-35} arylalkyl and substituted derivatives thereof wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogens, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl and C_{1-4} alkoxy, and
- m is an integral value from 0 to 4 <u>5</u> inclusive, and
- (e) a zinc additive for said additive composition wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1; and
- (f) said additive composition is free of calcium, cadmium, barium and tin.
- 17. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein a level of zinc is approximately 50 to 800 ppm zinc per 100 parts polyvinyl chloride resin.
- 18. (currently amended) The composition of claim 17 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 500 ppm zinc per 100 parts polyvinyl chloride resin.
- 19. (currently amended) The composition of claim 18 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 250 ppm zinc per 100 parts polyvinyl chloride resin.
- 20. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein said polyvinyl chloride resin is flexible polyvinyl chloride.
- 21. (new) An essentially toxic-metal free liquid additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement of toxic metal stabilizer additive compositions for use in vinyl-containing resins, wherein the essentially toxic-free composition consists of:
 - at least two phosphite esters selected from the group consisting of C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof, and C_{8-15} pentaerythritol phosphites; and

a zinc additive wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1.

22. (new) The composition of claim 21 wherein

said ratio is from about 75:1 to 6:1.

23. (new) The composition of claim 22 wherein

said ratio is from about 73:1 to 8:1.

24. (new) The composition of claim 21 wherein said at least two phosphite esters are selected from the group consisting of

alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(R^{3}-O)_{2}-P-O & & \\
& & \\
& & \\
R^{1}_{m}
\end{bmatrix}_{2}C(CH_{3})_{2}$$

(IV)

wherein

 R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{1-18} alkoxy, halogens and

 R^3 is C_{10-15} alkyl, and

m is an integral value from 0 to 5 inclusive, and

pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^4-O-PO-PO-R^4$$
(VI)

wherein

 R^4 is selected from the group consisting of C_{8-18} alkyl, C_{6-30} aryl,

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 C_{6-30} fused aryl rings, C_{7-35} alklylaryl, C_{7-35} arylalkyl and substituted derivatives thereof wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogens, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl and C_{1-4} alkoxy.

- 25. (new) The composition of claim 24 wherein a percentage weight loss of said additive composition as measured as a difference between a start and an end weight of said composition as measured after exposure to two hours at 110°C, is less than 1% by weight.
- 26. (new) The composition of claim 25 wherein a percentage weight loss is less than 0.5% by weight.
- 27. (new) The composition of claim 24 wherein

a first phosphite ester is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$[R^3-O)_2-P-O-Q-C(CH_3)_2$$

(IV), and

at least one second phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of

C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$[R^3-O)_2-P-O-Q_2-C(CH_3)_2$$

(IV), and

C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^{4}-O-PO-PO-R^{4}$$
(VI)

28. (new) The composition of claim 21 wherein said phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of C_{12-15} bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (VIII)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{12-15}H_{25-31}O)_2 - P - O - \underbrace{ } \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_2 C(CH_3)_2$$

(VIII), and

C₁₀ bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (IX)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{10}H_{21}O)_2 - P - O & & \\ \end{bmatrix}_2 C(CH_3)_2$$
(IX)

- 29. (new) The composition of claim 21 wherein a level of zinc is approximately 50 to 800 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 30. (new) The composition of claim 29 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 500 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 31. (new) The composition of claim 30 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 250 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 32. (new) The composition of claim 29 wherein said resin is flexible polyvinyl chloride.
- 33. (new) An additive composition for polyvinyl chloride resin which consists of:

at least two phosphite esters, and further wherein a first phosphite ester is alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(R^{3}-O)_{2}-P-O & & & \\
& & & \\
R^{1}_{m} & & & \\
\end{bmatrix}_{2} C(CH_{3})_{2}$$

(IV), and

at least one second phosphite ester which is selected from the group consisting of

alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(R^{3}-O)_{2}-P-O & & \\
& & \\
R^{1}_{m}
\end{bmatrix}_{2}C(CH_{3})_{2}$$

(IV), and

pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^{4}-O-PO-R^{4}$$
(VI),

and wherein

- R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{1-18} alkoxy, halogens and
- R^3 is C_{10-15} alkyl, and
- is selected from the group consisting of C_{8-18} alkyl, C_{6-30} aryl, C_{6-30} fused aryl rings, C_{7-35} alklylaryl, C_{7-35} arylalkyl and substituted derivatives thereof wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogens, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl and C_{1-4} alkoxy, and
- m is an integral value from 0 to 5 inclusive, and

a zinc additive for said additive composition wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1.

- 34. (new) The composition of claim 33 wherein a level of zinc is approximately 50 to 800 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 35. (new) The composition of claim 34 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 500 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 36. (new) The composition of claim 35 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 250 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 37. (new) The composition of claim 34 wherein said resin is flexible polyvinyl chloride.
- 38. (new) The composition of claim 33 wherein said at least two phosphite esters are selected from the group consisting of

C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(R^3-O)_2-P-O & & \\
R^1_m
\end{bmatrix}$$
(IV)

wherein

 R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{1-18} alkoxy, halogens and

 R^3 is C_{10-15} alkyl, and

m is an integral value from 0 to 5 inclusive, and

C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^{4}-O-PO-R^{4}$$
(VI)

wherein

is selected from the group consisting of C_{8-18} alkyl, C_{6-30} aryl, C_{6-30} fused aryl rings, C_{7-35} alklylaryl, C_{7-35} arylalkyl and substituted derivatives thereof wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogens, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl and C_{1-4} alkoxy.

- 39. (new) The composition of claim 38 wherein a percentage weight loss of said additive composition as measured as a difference between a start and an end weight of said composition as measured after exposure to two hours at 110°C, is less than 1% by weight.
- 40. (new) The composition of claim 39 wherein a percentage weight loss is less than 0.5% by weight.

41. (new) The composition of claim 38 wherein

a first phosphite ester is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$[R^3-O)_2-P-O$$
 R^1_m
 $C(CH_3)_2$

(IV), and

at least one second phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of

C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)_2$$

(IV), and

C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^{4}-O-PO-PO-R^{4}$$
(VI).

42. (new) The composition of claim 41 wherein said phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of C_{12-15} bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (VIII)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{12-15}H_{25-31}O)_2 - P - O - (CH_3)_2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(VIII), and

C₁₀ bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (IX)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{10}H_{21}O)_2 - P - O - (CH_3)_2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(IX) ..